

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES
INBOUND PARCEL POST (AT UPU RATES)

Docket No. CP2022-66

**RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
TO CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 1**
(June 6, 2022)

The United States Postal Service (Postal Service) hereby provides its responses to Chairman's Information Request No. 1, issued on May 27, 2022. Each question is listed seriatim and followed by the response.

In the Postal Service's initial Notice filed in this docket on May 23, 2022, the Postal Service had explained that, in Circular No. 49 dated March 28, 2022, the Universal Postal Union (UPU) had issued only "provisional" rates for the Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates) product to take effect on July 1, 2022. Those were only provisional rates because, at its recently concluded May 2022 session, the UPU's Postal Operations Council (POC) had decided that some of those rates should be revised and re-issued in a new Circular before the end of June (the new revised rates would still take effect on July 1, 2022) to apply force majeure to this period with respect to service performance bonuses in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The Postal Service had predicted that, when the UPU revised and re-issued the July 2022 rates in a new Circular, the Postal Service rates under review in the present docket were not likely to change from those appearing in Attachment 3 to its original Notice. On May 30, 2022, the UPU issued its revised Circular, and in fact the Postal Service's final rates to take effect July 1, 2022, did not change from the provisional

rates. As such, the financial workpapers and analysis of cost coverage using those provisional rates that were filed with the initial Notice on May 23, 2022, do support the final rates in the revised Circular. Because the final rates did not change in the revised Circular (notwithstanding the application of the force majeure), this also means that the Postal Service's final rates to take effect on July 1, 2022, are the same as those currently in effect since January 1, 2022, which the Commission favorably reviewed in December 2021.¹ As a result, the Commission may now acknowledge the final UPU rates to be in effect on July 1, 2022, because the rates currently in effect will not change on July 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ See Order Acknowledging Changes in Prices for Inbound Parcel Post (at UPU Rates), PRC Order No. 6072, Dec. 21, 2021.

1. Please see Attachment filed under seal.²

RESPONSE:

Please see Non-public Response filed under seal.

² The Commission filed the question under seal, within an Attachment to ChIR No. 1. The Postal Service likewise files the Response under seal, and incorporates by reference its Application for Non-public Treatment, which was filed in this docket as Attachment 1 to its Notice filed on May 23, 2022.

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